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The District of Columbia's mayor has signed a $15-an-hour minimum wage into law, a rate adopted by a growing number of cities and states seeking to battle income inequality. The bill boosts minimum hourly wage to $15 by 2020, with subsequent hikes tied to inflation. "Three months ago, I said we would take up the #FightFor15 in DC and I am so excited to sign it into law today!" Mayor Muriel Bowser, a Democrat, said on her Twitter feed. The bill had been unanimously approved by the City Council. It was opposed by business owners who argued that it would raise costs and lead to automation, and would make the city less competitive with neighboring suburbs. Washington joins California and New York in making $15 the hourly minimum. At least eight cities, including Seattle, have also approved the $15 base. REUTERS

VEHICLES IN ROLLAWAY RECALL LINKED TO 68 INJURIES

2 U.S. safety regulators said on Tuesday there were 68 reported injuries and 266 reported crashes in vehicles, including 2014-2015 Fiat Chrysler Jeep Grand Cherokee models with a type of gear-shifting control that has confused some consumers and led to rollaway incidents, prompting a recall. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicated that there were no deaths linked to the defect. But NHTSA acknowledged that it is aware of last week's death of "Star Trek" actor Anton Yelchin in an accident the agency said "may have been related to the alleged defect." The company in April recalled 1.1 million vehicles worldwide, some 811,000 of them in the U.S. market. REUTERS

LEGENDARY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH PAT SUMMITT DIES AT 64

3 Pat Summitt, the winningest coach in Division I college basketball history, died on Tuesday at the age of 64. Summitt, who coached the University of Tennessee's Lady Vols women's team and helped build women's college basketball into a national sport, announced in August 2011 that she had been diagnosed with early-onset dementia. "Pat was the greatest coach of all time," university Chancellor Jimmy Cheek said in a statement. "Her fierce spirit will live on through her players and through all of us who were inspired by her on a daily basis." Summitt died at Sherrill Hill Senior Living in Knoxville surrounded by her family, son Tyler Summitt said. REUTERS

Immigrant rights groups protested outside the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Center City. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Anti-deportation protesters arrested after blocking I-676 ramp to Center City

A pastor, a 13-year-old boy and two women were taken into custody.

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Four protesters blocking traffic on the off-ramp to 15th Street coming off Interstate 676 were arrested Tuesday around noon after police had to resort to power tools to cut apart the PVC pipes and handcuffs holding them together.

More than 40 protesters from immigrant advocacy and anti-deportation groups chanted "*ni una mas*" (not one more) while blocking the street after marching over from a federal Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facility at 16th and Callowhill streets.

The protesters blocking the streets employed what is known as the "sleeping dragon" — handcuffing their hands together within pieces of PVC pipe that prevented police from pulling them apart. Police had to use a handheld electric saw to cut the pipe open so they could clip the cuffs. The protesters had their arms wrapped in tourniquets before the saw was used in case they were accidentally cut, police said.

The protesters were on the streets calling for an end to deportations in the wake of the Supreme Court's recent decision that blocked key parts of President Barack Obama's executive orders on amnesty.

The court blocked the expansion of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the creation of Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA).

"I am supporting because I am feeling the same pain as everyone else here today," Irma Maldonado, 36, a mother of two at the protest, said through an interpreter. "There are millions of mothers who won't be able to see their family members."

> *"There are millions of mothers who won't be able to see their family members."*
> Maldonado

Maldonado said she does not support the Supreme Court decision because "we are all immigrants."

The street was blocked for nearly an hour before police were able to separate the protesters, who refused to get up from the street.

At least two dozen police officers, including bike cops, city cops, officers from the civil affairs unit and counterterrorism unit and state troopers responded to the protest. The Broad Street exit from I-676 was closed, while cars stuck on the ramp were directed over the grass median to exit, and traffic was diverted away from 15th Street several blocks north of the protest by police.

"We responded quickly, we got a quick response from Pennsylvania state police and got the ramp shut down and those people that were trapped on the ramp, we quickly got them out," said Philadelphia Police Department Chief Inspector Joe Sullivan. "Our goal is always to make zero arrests, but there are times when protesters wish to be arrested, it's part of their goal, the message they wish to send."

The four arrested, who included West Kensington Ministry pastor Adan Mairena, a 13-year-old boy and two women, will face summary citations, Sullivan said. He said specific criminal charges would be determined by prosecutors.

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Rendell: All-woman Dem ticket a 'drawback'

This isn't the first time the former governor has made questionable comments about women.

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Former Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell has some explaining to do.

After presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren made a joint appearance on Clinton's campaign trail Monday, Rendell had some thoughts.

Rendell, a fixture in the Democratic Party and chairman of the 2016 DNC Host Committee, told MSNBC's Kristen Welker that a two-woman ticket, while exciting, has its "drawbacks," questioning if Warren has the experience to be commander in chief.

"[The joint appearance] drove home the point that Elizabeth Warren can excite crowds. There's no question about it, and excite progressives. Some of the Sanders camp, I heard during the campaign, were a little annoyed at Sen. Warren because she didn't endorse Bernie Sanders," Rendell said.

"But still, she didn't endorse Hillary Clinton, either. She stayed neutral, which I think was the proper stance for her to take under those circumstances, so she does have that as a significant plus. The drawbacks, obviously, are two women on the ticket. Does it make a difference? I don't think so, but for some people it might. Does Elizabeth Warren have the experience to be commander in chief?" he said.

Warren's résumé includes being the first woman from Massachusetts ever elected to the U.S. Senate. She has held her post since 2013.

Previously, she was a special adviser to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and chaired the Congressional Oversight Panel.

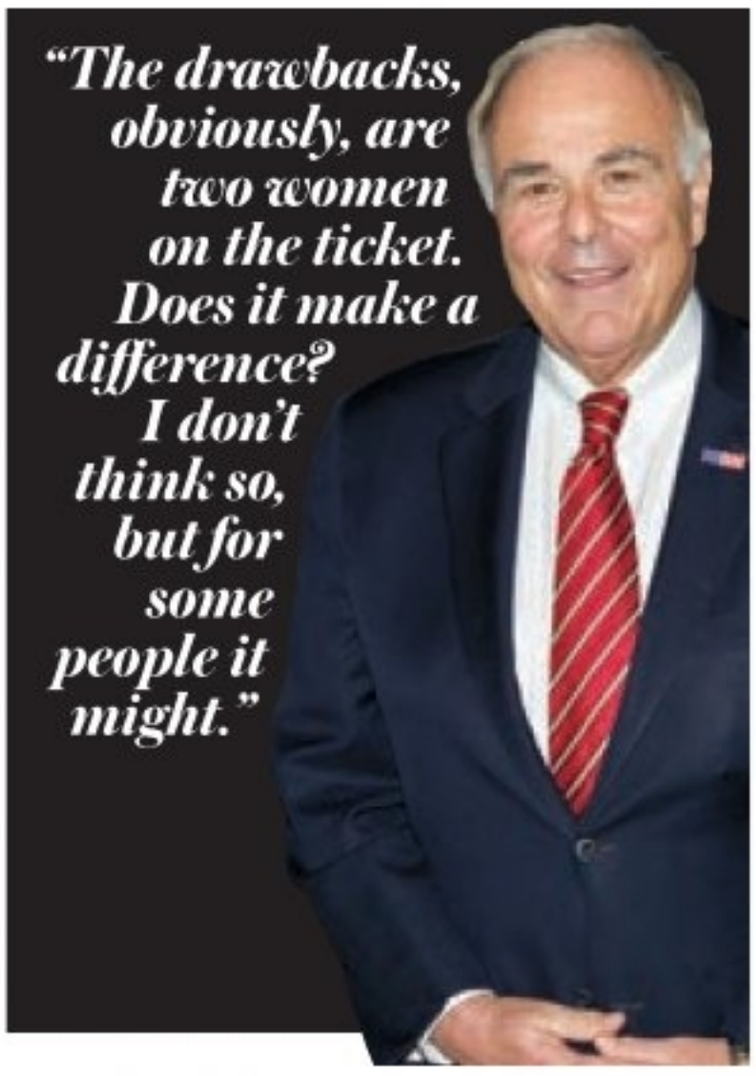
But this isn't the first time Rendell should be considering a foot-in-mouth removal.

The former Philadelphia mayor said last month that presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump might alienate "ugly women."

"Trump's comments, like, 'You can't be a 10 if you're flat-chested,' that'll come back to haunt him," Rendell told the Washington Post. "There are probably more ugly women in America than attractive women."

Yikes.

Rendell will serve as a special guest editor for Metro Philly on the DNC's opening day.



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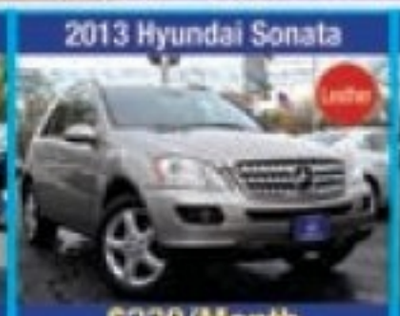

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Activists vow to 'shut the city down' with protests of DNC in Philly

Police say First Amendment rights will be protected during the four-day gathering in July.

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Five years ago, Deandra Jefferson worked inside the city Law Department, located at 1515 Arch Street as an intern through WorkReady Philadelphia. But she became disillusioned in the civil rights division after seeing a steady stream of lawsuits alleging police brutality against people of color.

"It's not anything that's outside of the systemic problems that exist in this country, but it was seeing it up front in the city I love," she said. "I was excited to work for the city as a 17-year-old, but the city doesn't work for me. Why would I lend my services to a city that doesn't work for me?"

On Tuesday, Jefferson, now 23, a member of the Philly Coalition for REAL (Racial, Economic and Legal) Justice, was joined by other activists outside that same gray tower of municipal offices to announce their opposition to the Democratic Party and its convention, which will be held July 25-28 in Philly.

"Some dumb party," Jefferson said of the Democrats, to cheers from fellow activists, "to throw a big party in South Philly, wants to come in, pretend they care about us, and leave."

Claiming racial oppression and economic injustices by the Democratic Party and the city of Philadelphia, the protesters said they plan to "shut the city down."

Deandra Jefferson of the Philly Coalition for REAL condemns the city for not issuing several permits for marches and rallies during the upcoming Democratic National Convention. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

"We are here specifically to protest the Democratic Party. … The party that's run this city into the ground and destroyed the lives of millions of black and Latino people," said Scott Williams, an organizer with the International Action Center.

"Hillary Clinton, you are not welcome in Philadelphia," said Shani Akilah, an organizer with the Black and Brown Workers' Collective. "We will make sure that you are living in chaos when you come to Philadelphia. This is not a threat, this is a promise."

Protesters demanded the city commit to not arresting any protesters, allow protests during rush hour, close the prisons which are expected to hold protesters if they are arrested, and redirect an estimated $60 million in "subsidies" to the DNC toward city schools and other public services.

City officials said the "subsidies" claim is inaccurate. The city is receiving $43 million from the U.S. Department of Justice specifically designated for security purposes.

Nine of 23 applications for protest permits during the Democratic National Convention have been approved as of June 23, the latest date for which information was available. Permit applications for the groups at Tuesday's event are pending, but the activists plan to march, regardless.

Police officials said Tuesday they are ready for whatever actions protesters take during the DNC.

"We're going to respond to protests during the DNC the same way we respond to protest any other day of the week," said Philadelphia Police Department Chief Inspector Joe Sullivan. "This department respects the First Amendment and we see ourselves as protectors of the First Amendment. We're here to support the rights of protesters, not to take them away."

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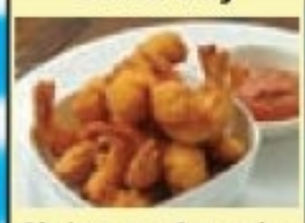

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Crossbow killer was naked; victim was newlywed wife

Police announced Tuesday that Paul Kuzan, 40, was charged with using a crossbow to kill his newlywed wife, 42-year-old Pamela Nightlinger.

Police responded to their home in Northeast Philly on Sunday around 9:19 p.m. Nightlinger was pronounced dead an hour later.

Neighbors said they saw Kuzan naked and shouting, "She's the devil," after shooting Nightlinger, the Inquirer reported.

The couple reportedly just married June 17.

Kuzan is charged with murder and possessing an instrument of crime. SAM NEWHOUSE

Paul Kuzan PROVIDED

DRPA officer saves kitten tossed from moving vehicle

The rescued kitten RICHIE RIDOLFI/FACEBOOK

Bridgette is now looking for her forever home.

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A kitten found herself confronted with the law last week, when a police officer rescued her from the Walt Whitman Bridge.

Good Samaritan Jean Finizio was crossing the Walt Whitman into New Jersey when she witnessed someone toss the small black-and-white cat from a moving vehicle. She called police, and Delaware River Port Authority officer and the self-proclaimed "biggest animal lover" Richie Ridolfi was crossing the bridge into Philadelphia at the same time, and took the call, according to NBC10.

"I'm the biggest animal lover," Ridolfi told NBC10. "As soon as I get a call about any animal on the bridge, I'm the first person to get there."

Finizio had pulled over on the side of the bridge to avoid hitting the kitten, who has been aptly named Bridgette."The animal crawled into Finizio's tire well, and eventually into the vehicle's undercarriage. Ridolfi said he was laying on the ground "in the middle of the bridge" reaching for the cat. The duo eventually drove to the end of the bridge and was able to rescue Bridgette.

Ridolfi took to Facebook Friday, looking for a forever home for the kitty. He told NBC10 he would pay all vet fees in return for someone to adopt her.

"I'm the biggest animal lover. As soon as I get a call about any animal on the bridge, I'm the first person to get there."
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Uber and Lyft settle litigation involving top executives

Rival ride services Uber and Lyft have settled high-stakes litigation involving two of their top executives, court filings show, in advance of a trial that could have aired sensitive details about both companies.

Lyft and its former chief operating officer Travis VanderZanden ended litigation in a California state court in which Lyft accused VanderZanden of breaking his confidentiality pledges when he went to work for Uber.

Uber also withdrew a subpoena on Monday in separate litigation over a data breach at Uber, which had targeted an internet address assigned to Lyft's chief technology officer, according to a court filing.

Men stand in front of a Uber sign in front of the car service's New York offices in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

Last year Reuters reported that the U.S. Department of Justice was pursuing a criminal investigation of a May 2014 data breach at Uber, including an examination of whether any employees at competitor Lyft were involved.

Lyft has said it found no evidence that any employee was involved in the breach. It is unclear what impact the civil settlements will have on that probe.

A Lyft spokesman confirmed the settlement with VanderZanden on Monday but declined to disclose the terms. An Uber representative could not immediately be reached for comment.
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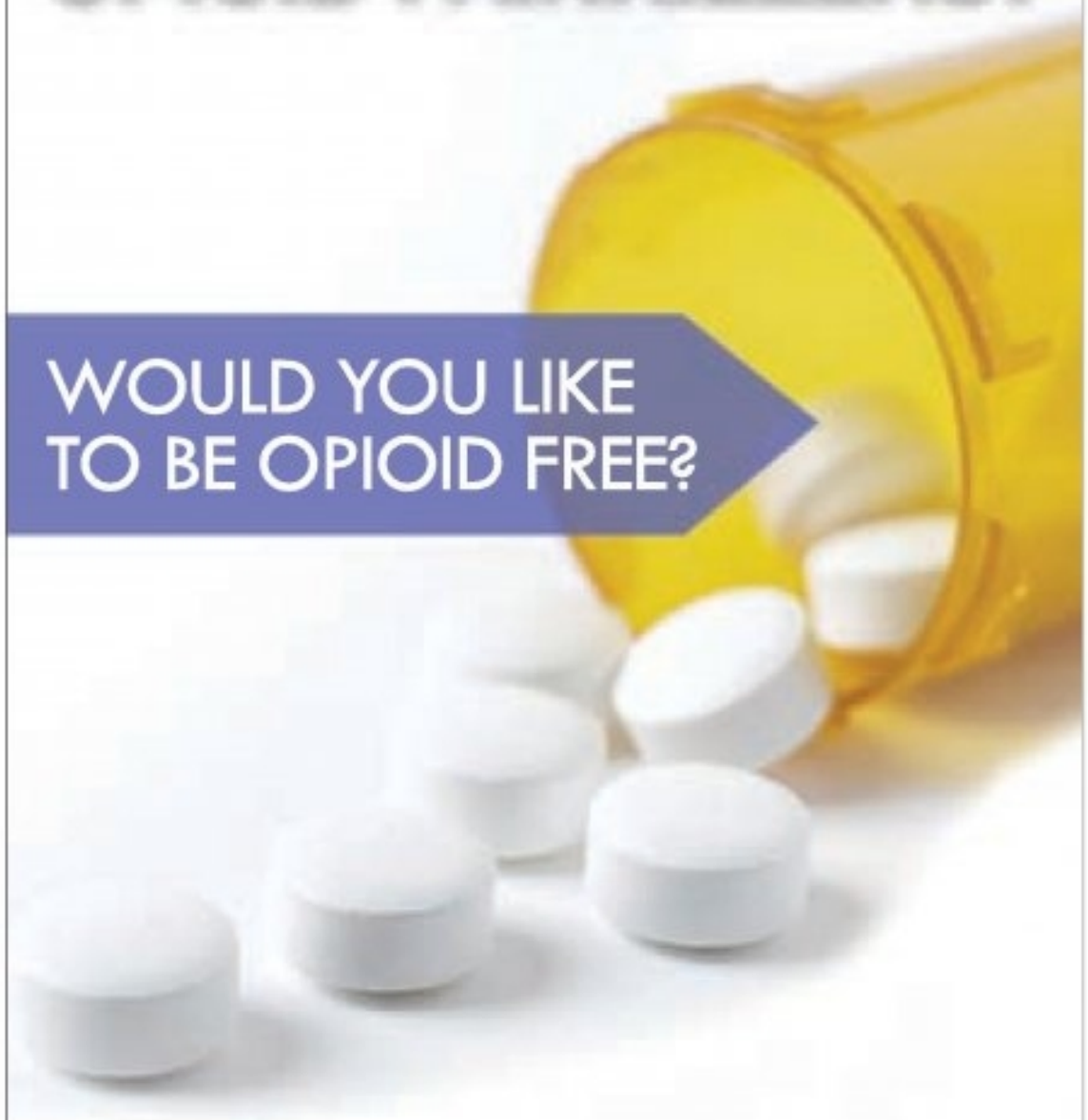

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Republican-led panel accuses Clinton State Department of Benghazi lapses

In an 800-page report that Democrats derided as a political vendetta, Republicans said Clinton and her staff showed a "shameful" lack of response to congressional investigators looking into the attacks on a U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya.

Congressional Republicans on Tuesday accused Hillary Clinton's State Department of failing to protect four Americans killed in a 2012 attack in Libya, in a final report that contained no major new revelations but reignited debate on the presidential campaign trail.

The report, the culmination of a two-year investigation, is likely to be the last official attempt to investigate the attack. Seven other congressional committees have also investigated the attack on the U.S. diplomatic and CIA posts in Benghazi.

The latest investigation, led by Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina, has been used by Republicans to question Clinton's national-security credentials. Opinion polls have shown Americans deeply split along partisan lines over the probe.

Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, has repeatedly charged that Clinton is personally responsible for deaths of a U.S. ambassador and three other Americans killed by militia groups in the September 2012 incident.

Former Secretary of State and Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton looks at a piece of evidence on a monitor while testifying in front of the Benghazi committee during a hearing. GETTY IMAGES

Clinton's campaign dismissed the report as a partisan effort to derail her candidacy, arguing that the committee had not found anything that had not been discovered by previous congressional probes.

In a statement, Clinton spokesman Brian Fallon accused the committee of trying to "politicize the deaths of four brave Americans" in an effort to attack the Obama administration and Clinton.

Clinton, speaking in Denver, Colorado, said it was crucial to "learn the right lessons" from the Benghazi tragedy.

"No one has thought more about or lost more sleep over the lives that we lost — the four Americans — which was devastating," she said.

Trump's campaign had no immediate comment, but Reince Priebus, chairman of the Republican National Committee, said Clinton's actions as secretary of state were "disqualifying."

"Hillary Clinton was in charge, knew the risks and did nothing" to protect personnel on the ground in Libya, he said.

At a news conference on Capitol Hill, Gowdy, chairman of the special congressional panel, said there was a disconnect between the violence unfolding in Benghazi and the perception among top Obama administration officials that "the fighting had subsided" at the U.S. diplomatic compound. REUTERS

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Police fired shots to try to stop two of the attackers just before they reached a security checkpoint at the arrivals hall at Ataturk airport.

Forensic police work the explosion site at Ataturk Airport on Tuesday in Istanbul, Turkey. GETTY IMAGES

Three suicide bombers opened fire before blowing themselves up in the main international airport in Istanbul on Tuesday, killing at least 36 people and wounding dozens more, the provincial governor and witnesses said.

Istanbul Governor Vasip Sahin told reporters that 31 people had been killed and around 60 wounded. Several witnesses reported two explosions but Sahin said authorities believed there may have been three suicide bombers.

A Turkish official said the vast majority of those killed were Turkish nationals but foreigners were also among the dead.

"There was a huge explosion, extremely loud. The roof came down. Inside the airport it is terrible, you can't recognize it, the damage is big," said Ali Tekin, who was at the arrivals hall waiting for a guest when the attack took place.

A German woman named Duygu, who was at passport control entering Turkey, said she threw herself onto the floor with the sound of the explosion. Several witnesses also reported hearing gunfire shortly before the attacks.

"Everyone started running away. Everywhere was covered with blood and body parts. I saw bullet holes on the doors," she said outside the airport.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the latest in a string of suicide bombings in Turkey this year, but the Dogan news agency said initial indications suggested Islamic State may have been responsible, citing police sources.

A Turkish official said it was too soon to assign blame.

The attack bore some similarities to a suicide bombing by Islamic State militants at Brussels Airport in March which killed 16 people. A coordinated attack also targeted a rush-hour metro train, killing a further 16 people in the Belgian capital. REUTERS

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Police: Victims injured in shooting in downtown Denver
Police were responding to a shooting in downtown Denver on Tuesday and said victims were being transported to area hospitals.

The Denver Police Department on Twitter urged people to shelter in place, calling the area near the University of Colorado Denver campus an "active crime scene." Police said they were closing streets in the vicinity.

"Shots fired at 15th & Wynkoop. Victims being transported to area hospital," police said.

The department said around 2:45 p.m. officers were responding to reports of a man with a gun and that there was a heavy police presence in the area. REUTERS

Civil rights leader Fauntroy out of jail after return to U.S.
Civil rights leader Walter Fauntroy was released from a Virginia jail Tuesday following his return from a four-year absence in the Middle East, a court official said.

Fauntroy, who faces a bad-check charge in Maryland, left the Loudoun County jail in suburban Washington and greeted his wife, Dorothy, for the first time since he left the United States in 2012, television images showed.

Fauntroy, who helped organize the 1963 March on Washington, had left the U.S. amid legal troubles. He was arrested when he stepped off his Emirates Airline flight at Washington's Dulles International Airport. REUTERS

Rolling Stone wins dismissal of defamation lawsuit over rape article

A federal judge Tuesday dismissed a lawsuit by three University of Virginia graduates who accused Rolling Stone, publisher Wenner Media and a journalist of defamation over a now-debunked article describing a gang rape.

U.S. District Judge Kevin Castel in Manhattan said details about the alleged attackers in the November 2014 article by Sabrina Rubin Erdely were "too vague and remote" to make readers believe that the plaintiffs George Elias IV, Ross Fowler and Stephen Hadford had a role in the alleged rape.

"In the plaintiffs' own words, 'any apparent connection between the plaintiffs and the allegations is an (unfortunate) coincidence,'" Castel wrote.

He added that the plaintiffs had no connection to the rape described in the article, and were not named there.

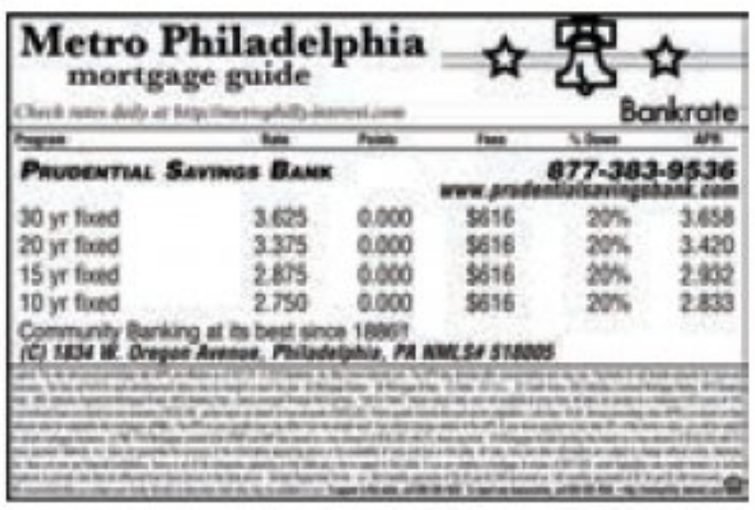
Alan Frank, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said his clients will review their options, including a possible appeal. A lawyer for the defendants declined to comment.

The plaintiffs all graduated in 2013 and had been members of Phi Kappa Psi, the fraternity at the center of Erdely's article, "A Rape on Campus."

Rolling Stone apologized in December 2014 for what it called "discrepancies" in the article, which described an attack on a woman identified as Jackie, after it had sparked a national debate over sexual violence on college campuses.

A probe by police in Charlottesville, Virginia, where the university is located, found no evidence that Jackie had been gang-raped.

Managing Editor Will Dana, who helped edit Erdely's article, later resigned. A review by the Columbia University journalism school commissioned by Rolling Stone faulted the magazine for reporting and editing lapses. REUTERS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US official sees progress against Islamic State, war continuing

Iraqi government and counter-terrorism forces arrest men suspected of belonging to the Islamic State (IS) jihadist group. GETTY IMAGES

President Barack Obama's special envoy for the fight against Islamic State said on Tuesday that coalition forces were making progress and planning assaults on key cities in Iraq and Syria, but U.S. lawmakers criticized the progress as too slow.

Brett McGurk testified at a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing that morale is falling within the militant group as it loses territory. But he said efforts to find a political solution were making little progress and could not predict an end to fighting as long as Syrian President Bashar al-Assad remained in power.

"So long as Assad is leading the government in Damascus there is no way this war will ever end," McGurk said. The conflict between U.S.-backed armed groups and Assad's government, supported by Russia and Iran, has complicated the fight against Islamic State amid a massive humanitarian crisis.

Iraqi forces recently entered the Islamic State bastion of Falluja just west of Baghdad, and were pushing north toward Mosul, by far the biggest city that Islamic State controls.

In Syria, U.S.-backed forces were closing in on the militant stronghold of Manbij, and Assad's Russian-backed army has advanced into the province surrounding the de facto Islamic State capital Raqqa.

McGurk said completion of the operation against Manbij would create conditions to move on Raqqa. And he said planning was under way for a campaign to liberate Mosul.

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TayTom has drawn the ire of Calvin Harris

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This is what happens when you date Taylor Swift: Even a dapper British thespian whose most recent film was a J.G. Ballard adaptation can become a tabloid magnet. Hot off the brutally bleak "High-Rise," Tom Hiddleston decided it'd be a capital idea to date Taylor Swift. Since then, a justly acclaimed actor has not just been reduced to demeaning couple names. ("Tay-Tom!" "Swiddleston!") He's been the center of staged makeout sessions by the beach and breathlessly reported bits about meeting her mom.

And now he's enraged no less than Calvin Harris. The Swift ex is right pissed that the actor already met the parents, and can you believe she always refused to meet his? Harris even clumsily backed his car into a brick wall when hounded by a paparazzo. This must be a brand new world for a gentleman who looks like Leslie Howard of "Gone With the Wind," but maybe it was all part of his cunning scheme: cavort with one of the world's flashiest objects, and perhaps people will finally watch his poorly-received Hank Williams biopic "I Saw the Light."

All the 'Bachelorette' contestants are cheaters — apparently

"Bachelorette" bad-boy Chad Johnson always has something to say. This time he's stirring up drama with his latest claim on Andy Cohen's SiriusXM show — that the other men on the ABC drama are cheating on their girlfriends.

After chatting about his alleged 'roid-rage ("People think I'm this violent, crazy person who, like, hurts women or something like that") and his thoughts on Bachelorette Jojo Fletcher ("I mean — looks-wise—she's my type"), Chad reminded us that he really is a "nice guy."

Compared to the other guys, that is.

"At the end of the day, half these guys are cheating on their girlfriends, half of them broke up with girlfriends to be on the show," Johnson told Cohen. But, don't worry, good-guy Chad would *never* consider that: "I'm the only one with an actual real reason for coming on the show — to meet somebody."

Cohen — and the rest of America — couldn't be more skeptical. Whatever you say, Chad.

Caitlyn Jenner reveals why her masculine body 'disgusted' her

It's been 40 years since the reality star won gold at the 1976 Olympics and to celebrate, Jenner is featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated's latest issue. The interview talks about the star's past four decades and finally feeling comfortable in her own skin after telling the magazine that she hated her body during the Games. "It disgusted me. I was big and thick and masculine. The rest of the world thought it was this Greek god kind of body. I hated it. But it's what I was given, so I just tried to do the best I could with it."

The 66-year-old continues, saying, "My life was distraction after distraction after distraction," she added. "Being a macho male was a way for me to try to convince myself that the woman living inside of me really isn't living inside me. Obviously, it didn't work."

Kardashians bring Blac Chyna to Dave & Buster's

What just happened? Whatever it is, it looks really suspect. Perhaps, it's just another Kris Jenner production, or maybe all's fair in love and war.

Blac Chyna and Rob joined Kourtney, Kris, Kylie, Tyga, Scott and Kim for an outing at Dave and Buster's in Hollywood for Khloe's 32nd birthday party.

The sisters let the claws out when they found out about Chyna and Rob's engagement on this week's "KUWTK," but now it appears their beef with the sometimes model was squashed.

As is customary in these times, the treaty was shared on social media. Chy, Kim and Kylie took precious selfies for Instagram and Snapchat showing that they're one big, happy family. Chyna posted a touching pic on Instagram with future mother-in-law, Kris Jenner and captioned it, "So much fun with Mama @krisjenner." Jenner features a big smile — of course — because where there are Kardashian expansions, there are E! negotiations to be made.

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Melissa Etheridge on active activism

The singer-songwriter explains the origin of her Orlando-dedicated song, "Pulse."

"I was going to be a rock star and have no problems, but life has other plans for you as the path unfolds." GETTY IMAGES

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Melissa Etheridge calls in from Keene, New Hampshire, following the kickoff of her summer tour. The two-time Grammy winner with megahits like "Come to My Window" and "I'm the Only One," is also known for her activism.

Etheridge released "Pulse," a song dedicated to the victims of the Orlando shooting, just days after the massacre, with all proceeds going to an LGBT charity. She wrote, recorded and released the song in a matter of days, providing a source of comfort and expression for not only herself, but the thousands who have streamed the song.

She chats about the song, her tour and how she fell into the surprising role of an activist.

Can we start by talking about "Pulse"? How did the song come to be so quickly?

I didn't even think, at first, "Oh, I need to write a song." I was more like, "I just want to play my guitar." I picked up my guitar in New York and then I thought I'd write a song for myself, but then I called my good friend and bandmate Jerry Wonda to see if we could get some studio time. He cleared his schedule and it was such a labor of beautiful love. Seeing it take off the way it did has really humbled me. I'm so grateful to be of service.

Did you think at any specific point in your musical career, "I'm an activist now, too"?

I always say I'm the least active activist I know, because I never took to the street. I've marched in a couple marches, but I'm not out on the front line. I'm a figure to people like you, who have a horn to blow and can write words that many people will listen to; and if you ask the questions, I'll answer them. That's my activism: my willingness to open my heart and say the truth. That's what changes hearts and minds the most. I encourage everyone to be that kind of activist.

Unrelated, but important: Where did the idea for your cannabis wine, No Label, come from?

The idea came from a thousand years ago. [Laughs] It's not anything new; herbal infusions have been happening forever. But prohibitions have driven cannabis underground and I found that wine through friends at a dispensary that was doing it. I was like, "This needs to be brought to the world," and here we go. Of course, I'm in the most difficult business industry in the world right now because it's like quicksand. Rules and regulations are constantly being changed. But that's how it goes!

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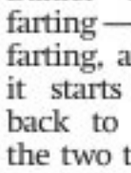
How to make a sincere farting corpse movie

Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert — aka Daniels — think of "Swiss Army Man" as more than a joke.



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"Swiss Army Man" — in which Paul Dano's stranded sad sack befriends an increasingly sentient farting corpse (Daniel Radcliffe) — gets pretty weird. It hits theaters Friday. A24

It's important to know one thing about Daniels — that is, Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, who made "Swiss Army Man," aka the Sundance movie in which Daniel Radcliffe plays a farting corpse who also has a giant boner that can be used as a compass.

"We don't like fart jokes, and we don't think boners are that funny," Kwan says. "That we made a movie about farts and boners when we ourselves don't like farts and boners feels like some strange therapy."

And their feature debut has a lot of farting. Granted, most of it is relegated to the first 20 minutes. Paul Dano plays a sad sack trapped on a deserted island. He's about to hang himself when he finds a corpse washed ashore. Suddenly the dead body, essayed by no less than Daniel Radcliffe, starts farting — and farting, and farting, and farting. Soon it starts slowly coming back to life, prompting the two to bond in a way that's both touching and still relentlessly scatological and lowbrow.

"I love taking things that we hate and other people hate and we know we should be repulsed by, and then infusing them with something beautiful and transcendent and inspiring," Kwan explains. "I think there's something really important about that kind of thinking — the ability to take something you hate and should not love and relating with it, forcing yourself to find out what it is about this thing that is wonderful."

Of course, it's still a movie about a farting corpse played by Harry Potter. Kwan and Scheinert — who prefer to be called "Daniels," no definitive article, and have already made their name on acclaimed music videos and shorts — still see it as an elaborate joke that spiraled out of control. The more it came together as a real film with real stars, the better the joke became.

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"It wasn't just about the final product. The process was funny to us: the fact that we would have to go to meetings with billionaires and pitch this movie to them," Kwan says. "We never intended it to be performance art, but now, looking back at it, it sort of was."

"We sort of tricked Robert Redford into inviting us to the Sundance Labs and helping us make this script better," Scheinert says, laughing at the absurdity of it all.

And yet they mean it, too. "Swiss Army Man" indeed becomes moving, but never maudlin or saccharine. It even becomes about existential dread and the strangeness of living. In fact, looking at a different side of farting was how it grew from a creatively dumb idea (a farting corpse movie) into something more.

"We were talking about how you s— yourself when you die, and farts are just you decomposing," Scheinert recalls.

But back to that idea of embracing what you hate, Kwan says he agrees with certain commentators that say "Swiss Army Man" represents a new form of sincerity: one that's self-aware but not cynical.

"The pessimism that comes from postmodernism is exhausting," Kwan says. "We want to be fully exposed and sincere and find something beautiful in things. But we're also self-aware, and we're not allowed to do that. So finding something that allows us to do both is our goal with our stories.

"[The movie] is a joke, but we also 100 percent mean it," he adds. "The more we mean it, the funnier the joke becomes."

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'SPOTLIGHT'

Michael Keaton and Mark Ruffalo lead an all-star cast of intrepid reporters in the Best Picture winner "Spotlight." OPEN ROAD FILMS

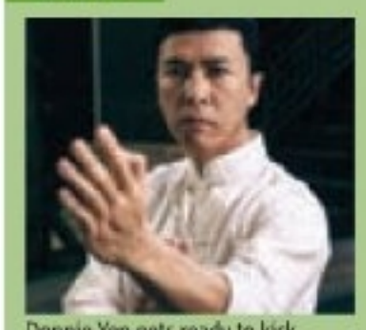
Journalism isn't doing so hot right now, but hey, at least a movie about it rightfully stole the Best Picture Oscar from "The Revenant." Tom McCarthy's plain-to-a-fault drama may concern Boston's Catholic Church sex abuse scandal, but it focuses exclusively on the dogged old-school reporters who pursued the story for months and months. It's a big sloppy kiss on an embattled profession, filled with type A perfectionists hitting the streets, wearing blindingly bland Oxford shirts, shoving gross foodstuffs into their gourds. And of course, it only serves to remind us that they're a dying breed: that newspapers are folding, that journos are struggling and that scandals like these will have a less likely chance of getting exposed in our brave new world. In a way they're suffering far, far worse calamities than DiCaprio did in "The Revenant."

'JAMES WHITE'

Cynthia Nixon gets close with son Christopher Abbott in "James White." THE FILM ARCADE

As Charlie on "Girls," Christopher Abbott is reserved and emotionally remote. In "James White," the actor is volatile, on-the-skids, impressively anguished. Abbott plays a self-destructive rich kid whose life is rocky even before his mom (Cynthia Nixon) learns that her cancer has come back with a vengeance. Both actors are great, and director James Mond is their equal. Grabbing the same acrobatic cinematographer who shot the Oscar-winning Holocaust grinder "Son of Saul," he trains his camera on his wounded anti-hero, never letting him leave the frame, sketching every step of his stumble towards a kind of redemption.

'IP MAN 3'



Donnie Yen gets ready to kick some butt in "Ip Man 3," about the legendary martial artist. WELL GO USA

There are gobs of films about Ip Man, the martial arts god most known for training Bruce Lee. (We most recommend Wong Kar-wai's phantasmagoric/melancholic "The Grandmaster.") Of these, the three films starring Donnie Yen are the trashiest; the second one is basically a remake of "Rocky IV." They don't have much truth to them, as the real Ip's life was comparatively boring. But don't let the truth get in the way of a good story. The third one features its share of galvanizing smackdowns, though it's the look at Ip's relationship with his sweet, dying wife that makes this more than a tall tale that prints a legend filled with fun lies.

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In the wake of the tragedy in Orlando, it seems queer visibility is a political act. The arrival of the third annual qFLIX Philadelphia festival, an LGBTQ-themed collection of films screened over five days in Center City, feels like a bright light after weeks of darkness.

And a loose theme, nicely established by the opening and closing night films, captures what we need more than anything — family, relationships and connectivity, and not just with those who identify as gay, queer, lesbian or trans.

Yes, this festival is for heterosexuals, too.

Last year, the festival screened 29 films. This year it's bringing more than 50 features, documentaries and shorts to the Prince Theater and the Caplan Theater at the University of the Arts from July 5-10. With sponsorship from Tavern Group (see: Tavern on Camac) and locally-based and -founded Breaking Glass Pictures, qFLIX founders Thom Cardwell and James Duggan are thrilled to be picking up steam in the festival's reincarnation after TLA Releasing left town.

Cardwell said "this will be my 22nd LGBT film festival and a whopping total of 33 film festivals — I have a vested interest in seeing Philadelphia have an LGBT film festival continue." He's long been connected to TLA as a marketing coordinator and the Philadelphia Film Society — so he's got some experience.

The premiere of "People You May Know" comes from J.C. Falcon and "tells the story of four friends in their 40s in Los Angeles and a life-changing situation alters their friendships." It stars Mark Cirillo — an actor Cardwell says has a "very impressive body of work" — who will be in attendance for opening night to receive the qFLIX Philadelphia 2016 Artistic Achievement Award in Acting.

The closer is "Shared Rooms," written and directed by Rob Williams who'll also be in-house for the finale, a "romantic comedy that brings together three interrelated tales of gay men seeking family, love and sex during the holiday season."

One of the coolest moments of the festival will come courtesy of a "Watermelon Women" screening. The movie is a bold lesbian film directed by Philadelphia's own Cheryl Dunye. The 20th anniversary restored version hints at something Cardwell notes is a cherished film fest tradition — "we do like to reach into the archives." In fact, when pressed for a few of his first LGBT film experiences, he coughed up Peter Del Monte's "Invitation to Voyage" (1982), Bill Sherwood's "Parting Glances" (1986), "The Line of Beauty" BBC miniseries directed by Saul Dibb in 2006 and Robert Altman's "Come Back to the Five & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean" (1982).

Another title that will fascinate is Gillian Armstrong's "Women He's Undressed," an Australian documentary about Orry-Kelly, a queer costume designer who worked on 285 films, won three Oscars, and dressed Bette Davis, Marilyn Monroe and may or may not have had an affair with Cary Grant. "You learn a lot about Cary Grant," Cardwell says. "He would not like this film."

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A still from the film, "People You May Know." PROVIDED

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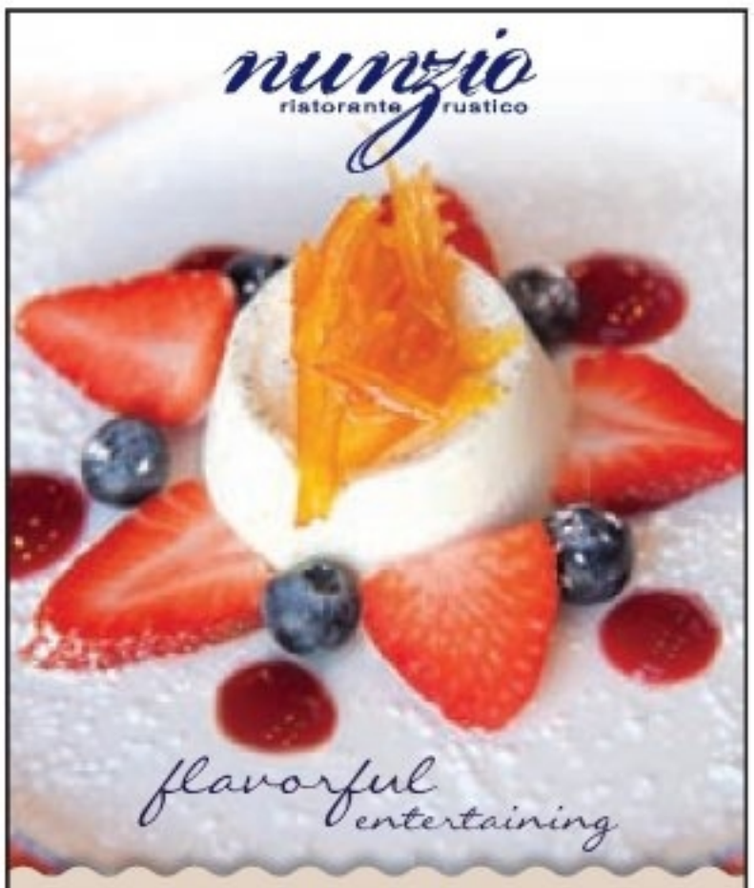

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Laughs on Philly helps you laugh out of Pride Month

Pride Month 2016 is set to close with a one of a kind comedy event.

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On Wednesday, the monthly showcase Laughs on Philly: Unpasteurized will bring "the greatest LGBTQ-friendly funny people around to one of the most popular music venues," Milkboy at 11th and Chestnut Streets. Hosted by Philly area comics Eddie Finn, Alejandro Morales and Reid Benditt, the showcase promises a variety of comedy all night long.

"I got my start doing comedy in the Gayborhood and it feels great to bring this bounty of comics out to do a Pride Month show," co-host Morales said. "Not everyone on the lineup is LGBT but we outnumber the straights this time, which makes it like a unicorn of comedy shows."

The first half of the show, the "Cream," will kick things off promptly at 7:30. Audiences will be treated to Philadelphia area comedians Lou Misiano, Brandon Jackson and Michael Kelly.

"Being part of this amazing show is both an honor and an important step to show the world that the LGBTQ community will continue to make art and not back down from who we are," Kelly said. He then added, "Keep kissing!"

"Unpasteurized" is a monthly comedy event at Milkboy Philly. PROVIDED

Perhaps the most significant aspect of the "Cream" segment of the show, however, are special guest performers Jess Salomon and Eman El Husseini.

"They have a really cool story," Laughs on Philly co-host Eddie Finn explained. "They are a Jewish-Palestinian lesbian married couple who are both super accomplished standup comics." The pair has appeared in everything from Philadelphia's local Five Dollar Comedy Week to the Just For Laughs comedy festival to even Canadian television (El Husseini has had a half-hour special on CTV while Salomon has been featured on "George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight"). No doubt the local LGTBQ community will be honored to be represented (and of course entertained) by this power couple as Pride 2016 winds down.

At 9 p.m., the second half of the show, "Curdle," will take to the stage. The audience will be treated to the hilarious musical stylings of comedian Tim Raymus as well as improv comedy from local groups Stretchmarks the Spot and Jon and Ian. These acts have performed throughout the city, including at the Temple University Comedy Club and also as part of several Good Good Comedy shows. Raymus' song that details his rather strong opinions of Comcast Cable is something that every Philadelphian needs to hear.

Laughs on Philly: Unpasteurized will kick off at 7:30 p.m. at Milkboy on Wednesday, June 29. General admission tickets start at $8 and can be bought online through Ticketfly or at the door.

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Philadelphia has no shortage of historic sites, and guaranteed we've all visited at least one, on a school trip or on a family vacation. But with July Fourth around the corner, we wondered what it would be like to own a piece of our nation's history.

These five houses, all built before 1900, contain elements of original construction. One is just steps from the Independence Mall; others are on secluded back roads, far from prying eyes and camera-toting tourists.

247 Pine St., Philadelphia

Built in 1802, this stunning townhome predates "pre-war" by about 140 years. A school teacher, Thomas Watson, constructed this home on a charming Society Hill street just blocks from Old City.

This four bed, three-and-a-half bath stunner boasts a fully renovated kitchen with stainless steel appliances, oversized windows overlooking Pine Street out front and the garden in the back and exposed brick walls. For **$1.395 million**, this home doesn't skimp on size.

726 Conshohocken State Road, Penn Valley

This spectacular home is actually a renovated barn and stable dating back to 1850 and converted under the vision of designer and previous owner William Sklaroff. Live comfortably in a piece of history, with a modernized kitchen and bathrooms, exposed stone walls, wood-burning stoves, Renaissance-paneled barn doors and even an elevator. This four- bedroom property is selling for **$1.195 million**.

22 Roberts Ave., Haddonfield, New Jersey

Martin Van Buren was elected president and Texas had declared its independence from Mexico when this house was built in 1836. Haddonfield's gorgeous outdoor spaces, top schools and charming downtown shopping and dining options are conveniently close to this five-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath home. The master bedroom boasts of a walk-in closet, custom shelving and a stunning master bath. High-end appliances modernize the kitchen, while wood beams and paneling help maintain the home's history. For **$739,000**, it's a must-see.

8860 Norwood Ave., Philadelphia

Six bedrooms, six bathrooms, seven fireplaces, a laundry chute and a billiards room round out this massive Queen Anne Victorian mansion in Chestnut Hill. This inviting home is perfect for entertaining, from its large dining room to expansive outdoor space. Selling for **$1.395 million**, this stunning Victorian lady offers all the convenience of city life without Philly's noise and buzz.

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Just down the street from the previous listing sits "Hollowood," a miniature estate that's more like a fairy-tale scene than a home. Built in 1866, Hollowood isn't just one building, but a collection of three restored homes on a 3-acre plot with a peaceful stream. The main residence is a restored carriage house with woodwork crafted to match original details. The second residence boasts a library, kitchenette and guest bedroom — perfect for visitors or tenants. The third building, Greenhouse studio, is your afternoon getaway or a spot for a quick warm-up by the wood stove when it snows.

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Sixers likely to target free agent guards

The Sixers, after failing to make a deal on draft night, are in need of a veteran guard, or two.

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When Ben Simmons' name was announced as the first pick in the 2016 NBA Draft on Thursday night, it served as an important benchmark for the 76ers. The decision to draft the 19-year-old Australian marks the first step in Bryan Colangelo's plan to "change [Philadelphia's] focus toward winning."

That plan to shift the culture within the Sixers' organization was laid out when Colangelo was hired to help Philadelphia move past Sam Hinkie's infamous "process" in early April. But the real work for Colangelo begins now. The Sixers' new president of basketball operations must use the assets and cap space that his divisive predecessor acquired in order to surround Simmons with talent.

The decision to draft Simmons is, in and of itself, a move that will determine how the roster is constructed going forward. Primarily, Philadelphia will need to sign players who can shoot effectively in order to hide Simmons' inability to threaten teams with his jumper, and facilitate his ability to drive toward the basket.

Two such players the Sixers can target in free agency are Evan Fournier and Allen Crabbe — formerly of the Orlando Magic and Portland Trailblazers, respectively. Fournier, although just 23, is the more experienced player, having played in the league since 2012. He shot 46 percent from the field last year, and 40 percent from three-point range.

Crabbe, meanwhile, is coming off a breakout year with Portland, where he also shot 46 percent from the field. Either young shooting guard represents an ideal fit next to Simmons, and can create spacing on a team with many players who operate largely in the paint.

Could Ricky Rubio be a good fit at point guard for the youthful Sixers? GETTY IMAGES

Much to the dismay of many Sixers fans, one of those players is Jahlil Okafor, who was widely expected to be dealt on draft night. Whether the target was Providence guard Kris Dunn or Kentucky freshman Jamal Murray, it was rumored that Colangelo would try to move up for a young point guard. However, the draft came and went without that trade ever happening. So Philadelphia must look to acquire a veteran for that spot.

One player who fits that bill is Ricky Rubio, who has become expendable in Minnesota, and according to a tweet from Jerry Zgoda of the Star Tribune, is a point guard that Philadelphia has been doing "due diligence" on for months. Rubio is a pass-first point guard who has averaged 8.3 assists per game over the course of his career, and who makes sense as an experienced player who can help create opportunities for Simmons, as well as Joel Embiid.

Another viable option is Patrick Beverley of the Houston Rockets. The 27-year-old is a tenacious defender who shot 40 percent from beyond the arc, and will likely not cost much in trade talks.

More candidates to join the Sixers emerged Tuesday, as Mark Stein (from ESPN) reported that Philly would be a "serious suitor" for Golden State's Harrison Barnes. Buzz also picked up steam about the Sixers and Thunder guard Dion Waiters.

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Phils' prospect watch: Sluggers Cozens, Williams short on power

The Phillies have several hot — and not — prospects in the minor leagues.

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The Phillies big league squad has seen its meteoric rise to contention plummet to the near basement of the National League.

Looking more like the young, rebuilding squad most expected in 2016, fans can't help but let their thoughts stray to the future and to the minor league system, jammed with some of the best prospects in baseball.

Here's a brief look down at the farm at some of the hottest and coldest hitters and pitchers in Philly's minor leagues:

Nick Williams has shown he can hit, just not the long ball (so far). GETTY IMAGES

Who's hot:

Rhys Hoskins: The Reading first baseman is tied for the Eastern League lead in homers with 20 (alongside teammate Dylan Cozens). He is also second in the league with 61 RBI. At 23 years old, he's a sleeper pick to make a run at a big league spot this season.

Darin Ruf: He's not a prospect, we know. But hear us out. This guy loves the minor leagues. He always tears Triple-A apart, and the 29-year-old is surging with a .291 batting average, nine homers and 33 RBI since being sent down.

Cedric Hunter: Hunter is another older minor leaguer at 28, but it's hard to ignore his .371 batting average over his last 10 games. He's had four multiple-hit games over that span, including two games with three hits.

Logan Moore: Haven't heard of him? He's 25 years old, a catcher and hitting .364 over his last 10 games. After struggling in Double-A, a change of scenery and call up to Lehigh Valley seems to have done him pretty well. He's also reasonably close to home, hailing from Scranton.

Jake Thompson: Thompson has always had quite a high upside and it's starting to show in Lehigh Valley. The flamethrower has lowered his ERA from 4.43 on May 31 to 2.88 after tossing six and a third scoreless frames Sunday. He has 67 strikeouts and just 27 walks.

Roman Quinn: What else does Quinn have to do to earn a call up? Reading's 23-year-old outfielder is hitting a blistering .405 over his last 10 games with four three-hit games in his last eight. He also has 25 stolen bases.

Jorge Alfaro: It's hard to find much fault with the Double-A catcher's game and he is looking more and more poised to be the long-term replacement for Carlos Ruiz behind the plate. He's hit .303 in 49 games with 41 RBI and 23 extra base hits.

Nick Pivetta: The 23-year-old has emerged as the new ace in Reading, boasting a 6-2 record over his last 10 starts with a 2.95 ERA. He's compiled 78 strikeouts over 86.2 innings pitched.

Who's not:

Dylan Cozens: The aforementioned Cozens, 22, has 20 homers as well as 60 RBI — but he only has one dinger in his last 10 games and is struggling at the plate in that span, hitting .135. He did hit a homer run and knock in four runs Monday.

Nick Williams: Williams is expected by many to bring the power to Citizens Bank Park in the future, but the slugger hasn't been much of one lately in Triple-A. He's hit a respectable .273 over his last 10 games (a .285 clip overall) but he has just seven homers on the year and none in the last two weeks.

J.P. Crawford: Crawford, Philly's top prospect, continues to struggle in Lehigh Valley hitting just .222 through 34 games at the level. He has, however, hit slightly better of late posting a .267 mark over the last week and a half, raising his average from .189 to .222.

Ben Lively: Lively was 7-0 with a 1.87 ERA in Double-A, but hasn't been quite as dynamic against a higher level of hitters in Lehigh Valley. Still respectable, the 24-year-old is 3-1 with a 3.11 ERA in seven starts, but has allowed four or more runs in two of his last three.

Former Eagles coach Ryan passes away at 82

Former Eagles head coach and NFL defensive specialist Buddy Ryan passed away Tuesday morning, the NFL confirmed. He was 82 years old.

Ryan coached in the NFL for 35 seasons and had multiple Super Bowl wins under his belt. He spent five seasons leading the Eagles, from 1986 to 1990, and held a 42-38-1 record while in Philadelphia. Ryan led the Birds to three playoff games, but held a 0-3 postseason record, and was fired in 1991.

"Buddy Ryan was arguably one of the greatest defensive masterminds in NFL history and forever left his mark on the Eagles organization and the city of Philadelphia," said Eagles Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Lurie. "Over the last 20-plus years, I had the pleasure of discussing football with Buddy and I always came away from those conversations intrigued by his knowledge and passion for the game. On behalf of myself and the entire Eagles family, I'd like to offer our deepest condolences to the Ryan family."

His sons, fraternal twins Rex and Rob, are head coach and assistant head coach, respectively, of the Buffalo Bills. Rex told TheMMQB.com in a May interview that he and his brother were "going for broke" in the upcoming season as their father was struggling with his health.

"Buddy Ryan was one of the most creative and innovative defensive minds in the game of football," said Eagles head coach Doug Pederson. "It was easy to sense his passion for the game and how much his players loved playing for him. His defensive philosophy remains a big part of the game today. He is a legend in our sport. My thoughts and prayers go out to Rex, Rob, Jim and the entire Ryan family." ALEXIS SACHDEV

Buddy Ryan was a polarizing figure during his Philly tenure. GETTY IMAGES

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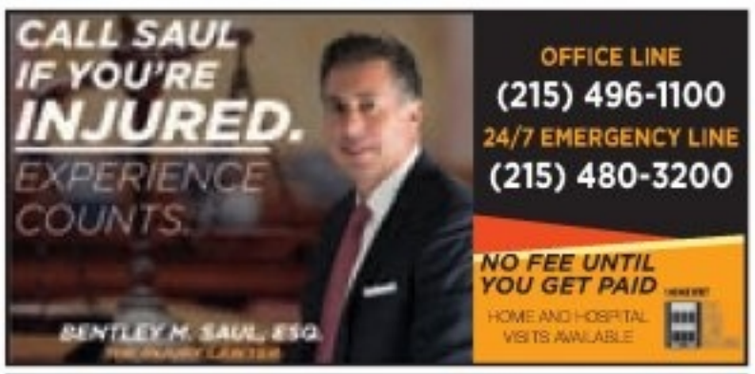

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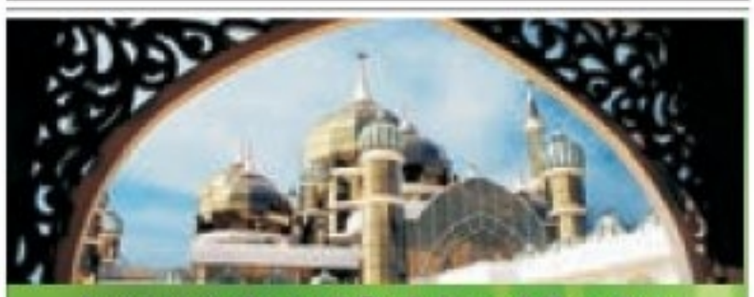

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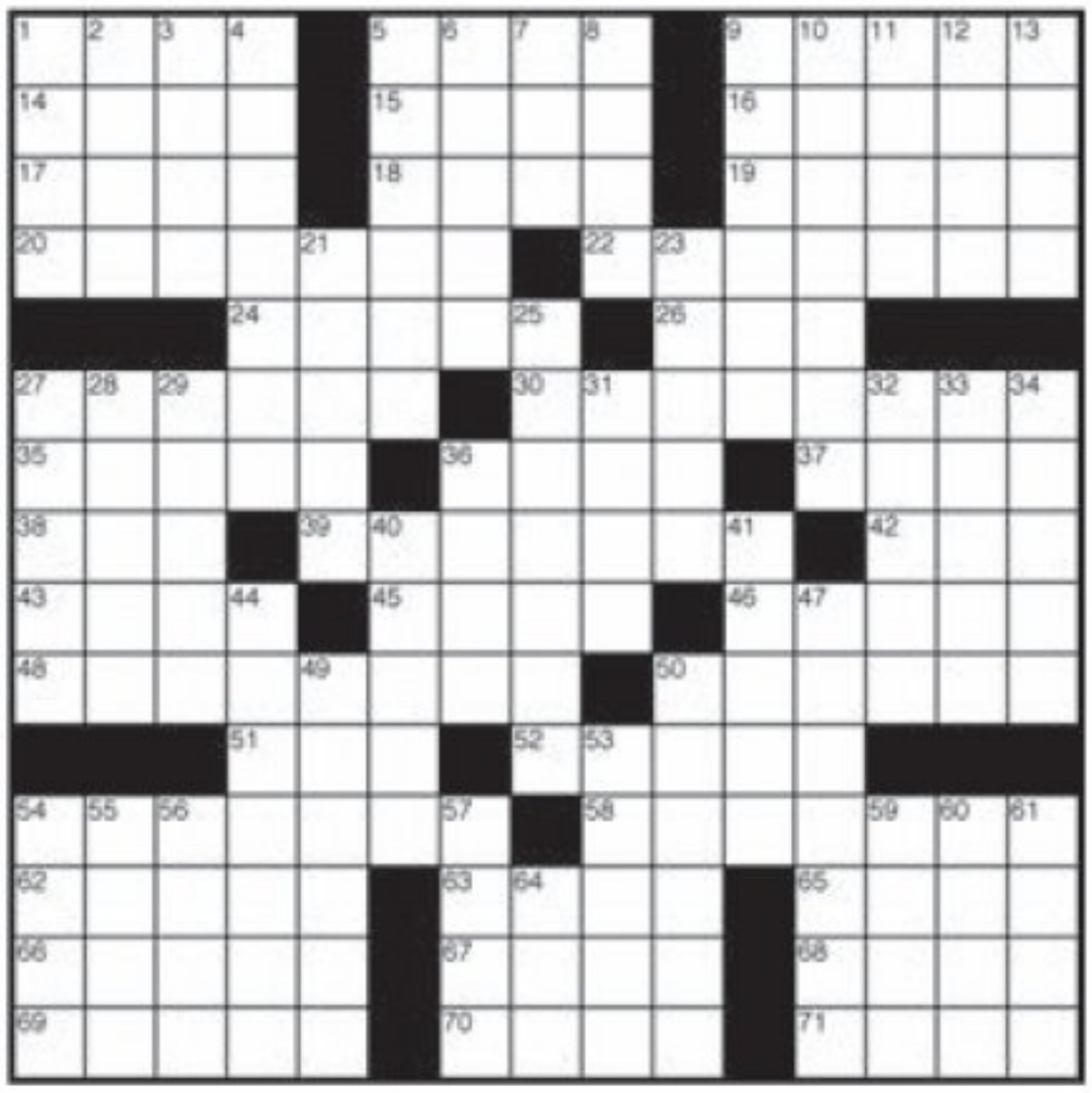

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1 Toque wearer
5 Twinge
9 "48 Hrs." lead
14 Leaning Tower town
15 Philanthropist – Cornell
16 Rub out
17 Hawkeye portrayer
18 LAX guesses
19 Gondolier's road
20 Harvested field
22 Bat swingers
24 Choose
26 — tai (rum drink)
27 More plentiful
30 Doubtful
35 Beats down, as rain
36 Yves' girl
37 Goddess of victory
38 Mont. neighbor
39 Easily mixed
42 Narrow inlet
43 Historic ship
45 Gibson and Torme
46 Scout, to Tonto
48 Most garrulous
50 C'mon! (2 wds.)
51 Rustic lodging
52 New Orleans footballer
54 Shellfish
58 Leaves the space station
62 Basket willow
63 Mezzanine
65 After-dinner candy
66 On one's own
67 Nonstop
68 Bohr's study
69 — up (got in shape)
70 What the walls have?
71 Dreaded word at the dentist's

Down

1 Finance gurus
2 Sword part
3 Hairy twin
4 It's under the hood (2 wds.)
5 One who's sunburned?
6 Cortes' foe
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8 Nasty cut
9 Hummer lure
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Aries Keep the momentum going in order to find a way to use your intelligence, knowledge and experience to get ahead. Don't let insecurities surface due to someone's bragging.

Taurus You've got a handle on what you want to see happen, so hop to it and do your bit to turn your dream into a reality. Make special plans with a loved one.

Gemini Be careful whom you associate with. It's important to stick to your plan and finish what you start, lest someone harboring ulterior motives take advantage of you.

Cancer Take a little time for yourself today. Make changes to your lifestyle that will help lower your overhead. You'll experience personal growth due to an unusual situation.

Leo Refuse to let your emotions get in the way of your work. Don't share personal information if you want to avoid gossip. If you dig in and do your share, you will win favors and support.

Virgo Stick to your own game plan or you will end up being blamed for interference. Engage in opportunities to learn something that will add to your happiness.

Libra Opt to do something that requires detail. Don't waste time trying to please people who are never satisfied with anything. Make changes that will eliminate negative people from your life.

Scorpio You'll be given an opportunity to do something quite different from your normal, everyday routine. If you do your best, it will lead to greater freedom, as well as advancement.

Sagittarius Adventure will beckon you. Before you jump in and take a risk, consider the consequences. You may desire change, but the best choice will involve personal growth.

Capricorn Make a move, spruce up your living quarters or check out an unusual interest that has the potential to be profitable. Romance, celebration and long-term plans are favored.

Aquarius Stick to what you know and do best. Avoid disputes or anyone trying to bully or put pressure on you. Personal change will bring the most satisfaction.

Pisces Participate in causes you believe in. A social or romantic evening will ease your stress. Don't let someone use an emotionally fraught situation to manipulate you. EUGENIA LAST

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